

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 have been withdrawn. Claims 17-21 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 22-38 have been added. With entry of this amendment, claims 15-16 and 22-38 will be pending, each of which finds support in the parent provisional patent application. Support can be found, among other places, on page 9 of the provisional patent application no. 60/161,246 filed October 25, 1999. Therefore, each of the pending claims enjoys the priority date of this provisional application.

Entry of the amendment and examination on the merits are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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